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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:** 

Claims 1-38 (Canceled).

39. (New) A compound connector device for connecting at least one of a first type of I/O electronic package having contacts on a leading edge thereof, and a second type of I/O electronic package different from said first type and having a leading edge and two major surfaces and having contacts on one of said two major surfaces thereof, comprising:

a connector section;

first guiding structure connected to and extending lengthwise from the connector section and defining at least a first storage space for receiving the first type of I/O electronic package; the connector section having a contact array for connecting with the first contacts of the first type of I/O electronic package to be inserted in the first storage space; and

second guiding structure affixed to the first guiding structure, and defining at least a second storage space for receiving the second type of I/O electronic package, the second guiding structure having contact terminals thereon different from the contact array of said connector section for connecting with the contacts of the second type of I/O electronic package to be inserted in the second storage space;

wherein the first storage space and the second storage space are substantially coextensive.

40. (New) The compound connector device as set forth in Claim 39, wherein: said first type of I/O electronic package is a PCMCIA card; and said second type of I/O electronic package is a smart card.

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41. (New) The compound connector of claim 39, wherein said leading edge of said first type of I/O electronic package and said leading edge of said second type of I/O electronic package lie in substantially the same plane.

- 42. (New) The compound connector according to claim 41, wherein said plane is adjacent said connector section.
- 43. (New) The compound connector device according to claim 40, wherein said smart card is positioned above said PCMCIA card in said compound connector device.
- 44. (New) The compound connector device as set forth in Claim 43 wherein said second guiding structure includes a printed circuit board positioned as a top wall of said connector device.
- 45. (New) The compound connector device as set forth in Claim 44 wherein said second contact terminals protrude downwardly from said printed circuit board into said second storage space.
- 46. (New) The compound connector device as set forth in Claim 40, wherein the second guiding structure comprises a connection for electrically connecting the second guiding structure to the first guiding structure.
- 47. (New) The compound connector device as set forth in Claim 46, wherein the connection is a flexible cable.

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48. (New) The compound connector device as set forth in Claim 39, further comprising:

a first ejector provided on the first guiding structure and being operable to eject the first type of I/O electronic package from the first storage space; and

a second ejector provided on the second guiding structure and being operable to eject the second type of I/O package from the second storage space;

wherein said first ejector is mechanically different from said second ejector.

49. (New) A compound connector device for connecting a first I/O electronic package having a leading edge and first type of contacts and a second I/O electronic package having a leading edge and a second type of contacts different from said first type of contacts, comprising:

a connector section for connecting said compound connector to an external electronic system;

first guiding structure extending lengthwise from the connector section and defining at least a first storage space for receiving the first I/O electronic package; the connector section having a contact array for connecting with the first type of contacts of the first I/O electronic package to be inserted in the first storage space; and

second guiding structure affixed to the first guiding structure, and defining at least a second storage space for receiving the second I/O electronic package, the second guiding structure having contact terminals thereon for connecting with the second type of contacts of the second I/O electronic package to be inserted in the second storage space;

said second I/O electronic package is positioned above said first I/O electronic package in said connector device; and

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said second guiding structure includes a printed circuit board positioned as a top wall of said connector device.

50. (New) The compound connector device according to claim 49, wherein said first I/O electronic package is different from said second I/O electronic package besides for having different contacts.

- 51. (New) The compound connector device according to claim 50, wherein said first I/O electronic package is a PCMCIA card and said second I/O electronic package is a smart card.
- 52. (New) The compound connector device according to claim 51, wherein said smart card is positioned above said PCMCIA card in said compound connector device.
- 53. (New) The compound connector of claim 49, wherein said leading edge of said first type of I/O electronic package and said leading edge of said second type of I/O electronic package lie in substantially the same plane.
- 54. (New) The compound connector according to claim 53, wherein said plane is adjacent said connector section.
- 55. (New) A compound connector device including a memory card connector and a smart card connector, the compound connector device comprising:

a connector section;

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a first guiding structure connected to and extending lengthwise from the connector section, the first guiding structure comprising first and second spaced apart sidewalls to define a first storage space for receiving a memory card; and

a second guiding structure comprising a base coextensive with and affixed to each of the first and second spaced apart sidewalls, and a plate spaced apart from and facing the base to define a second storage space for receiving a smart card.

- 56. (New) The compound connector device according to claim 55, wherein the base is a printed circuit board.
- 57. (New) The compound connector device according to claim 55, wherein the second guiding structure further comprises a separately formed guiding plate extending from the plate in a direction opposing the connector section.
- 58. (New) A compound connector device for connecting two I/O electronic packages, the compound connector device comprising:
  - a connector section;
- a first guiding structure connected to and extending lengthwise from the connector section and defining a first storage space for receiving a first I/O electronic package; and
- a second guiding structure comprising a base affixed to the first guiding structure, and a series of individual plate members that are collectively spaced apart from and facing the base to define a second storage space for receiving a second I/O electronic package.

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59. (New) The compound connector device according to claim 58, wherein the series of individual plate members includes a plate and a guiding plate extending therefrom.

- 60. (New) The compound connector device according to claim 59, wherein the guiding plate is substantially parallel to the plate.
- 61. (New) The compound connector device according to claim 58, wherein connector section, the first guiding structure, and first storage space define a memory card connector.
- 62. (New) The compound connector device according to claim 61, wherein the second guiding structure and the second storage space define a smart card connector.